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SUBJECT: SUPPRESSION OF SOVIET SURVEILLANCE FLIGHTS
FROM CONAKRY

REF: STATE 296192

1. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED SEKOU TOURE INTENDS REQUEST AGREEMENT FOR DAOUDA KOUROUMA TO REPLACE AMBASSADOR BAH. KOUROUMA IS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ALIMAG (GOG FOOD IMPORT AGENCY) AND LONG TIME PL-480 NEGOTIATOR, AN INDICATION OF THE IMPORTANCE GOG ATTACHES TO PL-480. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT US POLICY ON PL-480 BE COORDINATED BETWEEN DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY. SINCE I INFORMED GOG SEPTEMBER 24 THAT PL-480 RICE PURCHASING DELEGATION WOULD NOT BE WELCOME IN WASHINGTON, RELATIONS BETWEEN THIS MISSION AND GOG HAVE BEEN COOL INDEED. FOR DEPARTMENT, WITHOUT NOTIFICATION TO EMBASSY, TO HAVE INFORMED AMBASSADOR BAH NOVEMBER 30 THAT PL-480 DELEGATION WILL BE WELCOME EARLY NEXT YEAR PLACES EMBASSY IN DIFFICULT POSITION. SURELY THIS SIGNAL US CONCESSION OF RENEWING PL-480 NEGOTIATIONS DESPITE CONTINUED MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS AGAINST US, IF MADE AT ALL THIS SOON, SHOULD HAVE BEEN MADE SIMULTANEOUSLY BY THE EMBASSY AT A SENIOR LEVEL IN ORDER TO SEEK MAXIMUM POLITICAL BENEFIT AND TO RESTORE EMBASSY'S ABILITY TO DEAL WITH GOG.

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3. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED BY DECEMBER 6, I WILL

ATTEMPT TO SEEK APPOINTMENT TO CONFIRM NEWS ALREADY
REPORTED BY BAH. DO NOT UNDERSTAND IN WHAT SENSE GOG
IS KEPT GUESSING REGARDING THE 10,000 TON RICE PACKAGE,
SINCE IT WOULD SEEM DIFFICULT TO RECEIVE THE GUINEAN
DELEGATION BUT NOT TO PERMIT IT TO PURCHASE THE RICE
ALREADY SILKED FOR.
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